

House Resolution 382

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94th, Brooks of the 63th, Williams of the 89th, Sinkfield of the 60th, and Mitchell of the 88th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Tavis Smiley; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Tavis Smiley is a world renowned radio and television personality and advocate
3 for African Americans in particular and the brotherhood of man in general; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Tavis Smiley speaks truth to power and is unafraid, unabashed, and undaunted
5 in his quest for peace, justice, and equality; and
- 6 WHEREAS, on February 26, 2005, Tavis Smiley and syndicated radio talk show host Tom
7 Joyner have assembled 35 of the greatest minds in African American thought and
8 achievement to discuss the state of African Americans in 2005; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Tavis Smiley has chosen New Birth Missionary Baptist church in Lithonia,
10 Georgia, suburban Atlanta, one of the largest churches in the United States, under the
11 pastorship and leadership of the anointed, visionary apostle of God, Bishop Eddie L. Long,
12 as the site for this summit; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Tavis Smiley and Bishop Eddie Long have forged a strong bond of friendship
14 out of the common purpose of ministering to the triune man physically, mentally, and
15 spiritually; and
- 16 WHEREAS, this modern day "Paul" seeks to bring about understanding and action to reverse
17 the downward spiral of the African American condition.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body join to recognize and commend Tavis Smiley for his many
20 contributions to the African American community and all of Georgia's citizens.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Tavis Smiley.